

1. Welcome and Introductions:

In attendance Cara Downs, Whitney Lorenz, Tanya Hayden, Heather Wohl , Komo, Lori Barker, Doug Wehner, Jenny Abeles, Cynthia G.

2. Presidents Report:

Approval of minutes from January 23 meeting. Jenny motions to approve minutes, Cynthia seconds. All are in favor.

Jenny Abeles reports that trivia night was a success. About 240 people attended this sold out event and the event grossed about \$34,000, that will be enough to cover all need based scholarships for Jekyll Island this year as well as fund some for next year.

Cara: We continue to search for vendors for a reorder of the Clayton hoodie. Since the district ended their partnership with Lipic (who produced the first batch) we are trying to find someone who can replicate. St. Louis Embroidery could not fill this order at this time so we are waiting to hear back from Strawberry Stitch.

Period Assistance: Komo had e-mailed the school asking about feminine products and how they are available to students. We learned that the health teachers currently replenish the basket of feminine products in 6 girls bathrooms every other week. There is not a budget for these items, the thought is that they are being funded by the health budget. Komo said that in talking to the high school, this is something that comes out of the nursing budget, but Dr. Wehner did not think this fell under acceptable use policy for nursing funds in Middle School. Dr. Wehner to follow up with high school about funding and possibly putting into 2024 budget and in the meantime PTO will supply \$50/month for these products. The need is approx. 70 tampons and 70 pads per month. Heather Wohl made a motion to devote PTO funds for these products and Cynthia seconded. All are in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was available for all to view and there were no questions.

4. Principal's report: A save the date went home for spring conferences that will be held on March 16th. Unlike Fall conference, Spring conferences are student led, so students will attend the conference with their parent or caregiver. This will be a celebration of student learning, where students are given the opportunity to share the new digital portfolio of their work that the district is focusing on. This portfolio will follow students throughout their Clayton career.

5. Upcoming Events

-Wydown Family Skate Ice Skating event is being held on Friday, Feb. 17th from 10:30-12:30pm. All are welcome. Admission is free but skate rental will cost \$2. We are still looking for parent volunteers to help with this event so if you or anyone you know might be interested please let us know. An e-mail will go out to the Wydown community this week reminding them of the event and it will be on the afternoon announcements. We added a

reminder that this is not a drop off event, parents or a parent who is responsible for each student must be present at the rink in case of an emergency.

- Dad's night out is slated for the 22 of February at 8 pm at Tropicana bowl. Mike Weiss is spearheading that effort and says it is getting good traction.
- 8th Grade Mixer. We finally have a date and location! It will be held on May 12th in the Wydown Gym. Since food is not allowed in the gym, Dr. Wehner pointed out that we might also want to use hallway just off the gym by the side door. Plenty of parents will need to be on hand to monitor bathrooms, exits, gym entry so food and drinks don't come into the gym.
- February's gab and grub is being moved to Friday, March 30th during PACK time. Food is still TBD but we are hoping to have this event on the field outside, weather permitting.

6. Questions? An Eagle Scout wants to use the Wydown PTO to help fundraise for his Eagle Scout project. The project benefits a nature trail at Sherwood Forest. The PTO has not ever been approached with this type of request and we want to open up for group discussion if this is something the PTO thinks we should do. Cara says she likes the project and the idea, but is worried about a precedent this could set – that of helping students fundraise for future school and extracurricular activities – girls scout project, bar/bat mitzvah projects, etc. Is there another way or district resource he could use to fund his project and get his ideas out there? Dr. Wehner adds that the school has a no solicitation policy - students can't fundraise at the school. Tany says that she thinks sometimes the HS publicizes student driven fundraisers - collection personal care items for Ukraine, etc. No one is sure how these are initiated and if they are student or student organization driven. Cynthia asks if we can help teach the student fundraising skills or ideas of how to best fundraise using his network, giving a teach them to fish, not provide them with fish analogy. Everyone agrees the project has merit and is well thought out, but as an organization the PTO doesn't want to set a precedent that we are in the business of fundraising for students, as it becomes a slippery slope to doing this regularly.

7. Next PTO meeting is March 13, 2023 at 6 pm.